

**Utah Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Commission
Rio Grande Board Room
Wednesday, July 6, 2016**

MLK Attendees: Adrienne Andrews, Dr. Forrest Crawford, Dr. Rob Harter, Jasen Lee, Beth Martial, Ed Napia, Shawn Newell, Robert Rendon, Lavinia Taumoepeau-Latu, Eddy Thompson

Excused: Luis Garza, Dr. Karen Johnson, Carla Kelley

Guests: Rozanna Benally-Sagg, Julie Fisher, Jenny Hor, Hannah Williams

Welcome – Dr. Rob Harter

Dr. Rob Harter welcomed attendees to the meeting. Commission members and guests introduced themselves.

Julie Fisher announced the appointment of Hong Vu as the new Office of Multicultural Affairs (MCA) director. She previously worked for Intermountain Healthcare and will formally meet the commission at the next meeting.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Beth Martial motioned to approve the minutes from June 1, 2016. Jasen Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

MLK Awards – Commission Discussion

In using Google Forms to submit nominations, users cannot upload files and the platform may lack some formality. The MCA staff will ask the Department of Heritage and Arts' (DHA) admin team about using other platforms with uploading capabilities.

A review committee of five commission members will evaluate the nominations and choose the award recipients. The committee consists of: Adrienne Andrews, Jasen Lee, Shawn Newell, Robert Rendon, and Lavinia Taumoepeau-Latu.

The deadline to submit nominations is October 15.

MLK January 2017 Event Update – Commission Discussion

Shawn Newell is working with Jeanetta Williams to secure a speaking opportunity at the NAACP Salt Lake branch luncheon. Commission members agreed to schedule another lunch meeting with Jeanetta to further discuss speaking opportunities. Additionally, Jeanetta agreed to let the commission announce the recipients of the MLK Awards.

Rev. Stanley Ellington agreed to have the commission speak during the NAACP Ogden branch breakfast event and survey community members about their interest in an MLK license plate.

Commission members were encouraged to participate in individual volunteer activities on MLK Day. Providing remarks at the MLK Day of Service grant sites is also possible as UServeUtah director LaDawn Stoddard agreed to let grant recipients know about the commission's offer to speak at their respective events.

King Conversation Series Update – Commission Discussion

The August subcommittee will host a series on hate crimes on August 4. Shawn Newell asked commission members to provide him with a list of individuals and organizations the commission wants to send personal invitations to. Once all the panelists are confirmed, the flyer will be distributed. Commission members also want Dr. Rob Harter to provide brief remarks prior to the start of the panel discussion.

Lavinia Taumoepeau-Latu plans to share information on the August series with the Pacific Islander (PI) community. They expressed interest in organizing a similar event. Shawn Newell also extended an invitation for a PI community member to be a panelist.

Commission members discussed contacting media outlets to promote the August series. Shawn Newell plans to send invitations to television stations and newspaper outlets. Jasen Lee will send Shawn Newell the contact information for Deseret News reporters.

Commission members reviewed the flyer for the August series and made suggestions. The logos for the commission and the NAACP Salt Lake branch were not included in the flyer because they overwhelmed the overall visuals. Each organization's names, however, are written in the headlining text. Members also discussed including ADA accommodations, using language that refers to a free and open community event, posting the flyer on both organizations' websites and social media sites, and changing the font used for the address.

The November subcommittee plans to speak with Hong Vu on ideas for presenting on cultural competency in the health field as her previous work focused on this. They also plan to work with the Department of Health and Salt Lake County.

Rev. Stanley Ellington notified Eddy Thompson he is open to having the commission host a series as part of the program for the NAACP Ogden branch MLK Day breakfast but would like some more background information on it.

Special Group License Plate Update – Commission Discussion

Dr. Forrest Crawford contacted The King Center regarding the use of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s image on a license plate. Speeches, quotes, and images not found in the public domain belong to Dr. King's family. The use of Dr. King's intellectual property requires a written request and must be approved by The King Center's board of trustees. Dr. Rob Harter sent a formal request to obtain proper authorization to use Dr. King's image. The center also provided Dr. Crawford with guidelines on how to select images from the public domain for specific projects.

Commission members agreed to complete the license plates campaign and follow through on gathering the necessary number of signatures. Dr. Harter created a timeline and hopes to release the license plates within one to two years. The project does not face time constraints from the Division of Motor Vehicles allowing some flexibility on timeline completions.

Eddy Thompson started collecting surveys to gauge the public's interest in obtaining an MLK license plate. He sent the initial survey to Rev. Stanley Ellington. The collection of surveys will be added to the timeline as a task to complete.

Other Business

Dr. Rob Harter coordinated a meeting with the commission and law enforcement officials on August 29.

Dr. Forrest Crawford, Carla Kelley, Jasen Lee, and Ed Napia attended the Juneteenth Freedom and Heritage Festival at Weber State University. This year's festival marked the first time the state of Utah recognized Juneteenth as a state holiday.

Erin Emerson with the Salt Lake City police advisory board contacted Ed Napia to share with community members their search for one Latino and one Native American representative to sit on the board. Community members must live within the boundaries of Salt Lake City to apply.

The Obon Festival is on Saturday, July 9. The event runs from noon to 9 pm.

The Multicultural Youth Leadership Summit is on Monday, October 3 at the Salt Palace Convention Center. The MCA team requested the help of volunteers.

MCA will host a site for the National Voter Registration Day with other divisions in DHA.

The Division of Indian Affairs will host the Native American Summit on Monday, August 8 and Tuesday, August 9.

The commission discussed the possibility of going on a state-wide road trip. An earlier commission visited St. George, Cedar City, Provo, Salt Lake, and Logan on a three-day trip to meet with community leaders at local universities and city government buildings. The road trip was prompted by the commission wanting to expand their outreach efforts beyond the Wasatch Front. In planning for a future road trip, not all commission or community members need to be in attendance as the use of video or phone conferencing can result in their participation as well.

Adjourn

MOTION: Dr. Rob Harter motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jasen Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Action Items

The next MLK Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 3, 2016 from 10:00 to 11:30 AM at the Rio Grande Board Room.

Upcoming Meetings (first Wednesdays of every month in the Rio Board Room):

September 7

October 5

November 2

December 7